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TICK カチッ

WHOOSH

SHINE カラ

SHINE カラ

...

I HARDLY GOT ANY SLEEP ...

'CAUSE ...

WELL... NOT THAT I WOULD ...

I'M GOING OUT WITH ASAHINA AGAIN!!

ASAHINA BATHS

涼風 SUZUKA

#137 THREE'S A CROWD

UNIVERSITY TRYOUTS ARE COMING UP SOON, SO I BETTER WORK HARD DURING MORNING PRACTICE...

TMP

TMP

ONLY FIVE DAYS OF SUMMER BREAK LEFT

SLIP

I'M SO GLAD I CHOSE SEIJO UNIVERSITY!

MAN, I FEEL A LOT MORE MOTIVAT-ED, TOO!

カチャ

KER-CHAK

...?

カリ

CLATTER

WHOA !!

UH ...

ER ...

MORN-ING ...

YOUR HAIR'S ... A MESS.

RATTLE

カリ

RATTLE

カリ

UH... G...GOOD MORN-ING...!!

...

カ CLOP ン

CLOP カ ン

CLOP カ ン

OH ...

シ RUB

DID YOU ...

SLEEP WELL ...?

YUP ...

OH... OKAY...

...

WHAT THE HECK...? SHE'S BEING STRANGE-LY COLD ...

I DON'T THINK I DREAMED WHAT HAP-PENED ...

CLENCH

HEY!! ARE YOU FREE AFTER PRAC-TICE?!

HUH ...?

I WAS WONDERING IF...YOU WANTED TO HAVE LUNCH...

ASAHIYU BATHS

...

SURE...

I'D BE COOL WITH THAT.

ALL RIGHT

UH... OKAY! THEN I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AFTER I'M DONE!!

WHEW!

ASAHI-NA...

...

SHE FINALLY SMILED...

IT'S HARDER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE'S THINKING WHEN WE'RE ACTUALLY DATING...

GOOD JOB !!

THANK YOU !!

OKAY! THAT'S ALL FOR TO-DAY!! AFTER YOU COOL DOWN, YOU'RE FREE TO GO!!

WHEW! WE'RE DONE!

UHH, WHERE'S ASA-HINA?

TMP

ASA-HINA!!

THERE SHE IS ...!

HM ...?

YO !!

MIKI !!

OH ...

I'M HERE TO HANG OUT!!

ACK !!

THWAP

YEAH! I KNOW!

EEK! HOW'VE YOU BEEN, GIRL?! IT'S BEEN SOOO LONG!!

IS SUZUKA HERE ?!

SORRY! I FORGOT MY CELL PHONE WHEN I WENT TO MY GRAND-MA'S!

I CALLED YOU A FEW TIMES AFTER I GOT BACK, BUT I COULDN'T REACH YOU. I WAS GETTING WORRIED!

HUH...? COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU TWO...

HM ...?

I GUESS THINGS ARE ALL RIGHT NOW...

THEY SEEM PRETTY COOL WITH EACH OTHER DESPITE THE BREAK-UP...

WELL... THEY SEEM FRIENDLY... SO WHAT-EVER!

ANYWAY, SINCE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, LET'S ALL GO OUT TO EAT!

CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE, HASHI-BA? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

HUH?! OH, NOTH-ING ...

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN JUST ASK A QUES-TION LIKE THAT!!

HUH ...?

RESTAURANT CASA

ANNOYED イライ

SSSIP

BUT, Y'KNOW ?!

ANNOYED イライ

ANNOYED イライ

CHATTER キャッ

OH? I PREFER ICE CREAM OR PUD-DING...

CHATTER キャッ

WHAAA? ISN'T CAKE BETTER FOR DES-SERT?!

AH WELL... I GUESS IT WOULD'VE BEEN WEIRD TO TURN HER DOWN...

AND ASAHINA WAS OKAY WITH IT, TOO!!

...!

SHE SURE PICKED A GOOD TIME!!

...!!

PUDDING, CAKE?! WHO CARES? IT'S ALL THE SAME...

BUT THEY SURE TALK A LOT ...

SHE HAD TO COME TODAY, OF ALL DAYS!!

UH... YEAH... WITH EVERY-ONE!!

WHAT ...? YOU WENT TO THE BEACH ?

HUH ?

OH... I ALMOST FORGOT, AKITSUKI! I HAVE THE PHOTOS WE TOOK WHEN WE WENT TO THE BEACH EARLIER, SO I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU NEXT TIME.

!!

OH, AND SAKU-RAI-SAN!

YASUNOBU, MIHO-CHAN, TSUYOSHI WHO'S OUR KOHAI ...

LET'S SEE... ALSO KOBAYA... KAWA...

SAKU-RAI-SAN GOT TIME OFF FROM HER MODEL-ING!

HUH?! UH... REALLY?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, AKIT-SUKI?

AHHH!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED HER!

...

EVERY-ONE ENDED UP GOING SINCE IT'S OUR LAST SUMMER BREAK.

OH... DID YOU GUYS HAVE FUN?

YEAH! AKI-TSUKI PAR-TIED LIKE CRAZY!

N... NO, I DIDN'T !!

BESIDES, I... CUT MY LEG, SO I WAS REST-ING THE WHOLE TIME...

THAT WAS KOBA-YAKA-WA.

SUZUKA, IF YOU CAME BACK EARLIER, YOU COULD'VE GONE WITH US, TOO.

YEAH ...

MAN... THIS CAN'T GET ANY WORSE...

WHAT THE HECK IS SHE SAYING...?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, AKITSUKI? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.

'CAUSE OF YOU!!

I FINALLY GET MY CHANCE WITH ASAHINA AGAIN...

IS SHE GONNA DESTROY IT ALL IN HALF A DAY?!

UH... YOU DIDN'T WANT DESSERT TOO, BY ANY CHANCE?!

YOU ARE WAY OFF ...

OH NO...

SHE SEEMS ANGRY...

...

ちら
GLANCE

BUT I INVITED MY EX-GIRL-FRIEND TO THE BEACH...

NOTHING EVEN HAP-PENED ...

WHAT ...?

THE BEACH, HUH?

I...

WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE GONE, TOO...

W... WELL... I WENT TO THE BEACH WITH-OUT YOU ... BE-SIDES... I...

HUH...? WHY ARE YOU APOLO-GIZING, YAMATO-KUN?

...

SOR-RY ...

STILL ...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME...

WELL, NEXT YEAR, LET'S GO TOGETHER ...

JUST THE TWO OF US, THIS TIME.

HUH ...?

ASAHINA...

HOW PATHETIC.

THAT SOUNDS GREAT ...

UH... SURE ...

OKAY ...?

IT'S A PROM-ISE!

ASAHINA IS ALREADY THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE...

AND HERE I AM, FRETTING OVER SOMETHING SO STUPID...

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT I'M WITH ASAHINA NOW...

UH... HEY, ASAHI-NA ...

I HOPE IT WILL BE THAT WAY NEXT YEAR, AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT, AND THE ONE AFTER THAT, TOO...

HM ...?

UM
...

THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS...

#138 ANXIETY

涼風 SUZUKA

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY...?

HUH ...?

UH... BUT YOU SAID YOU ASKED HER OUT BEFORE AND SHE WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE YOU THE TIME OF DAY...

S...SO... A LOT HAPPENED, AND I'M DATING ASAHINA AGAIN...

SO YOU DID ...

I DID DO SOME-THING KIND OF SIMILAR, THOUGH ...

YOU DIDN'T HUG HER AND FORCE A KISS ON HER OR ANYTHING, RIGHT...?

YOU IDIOT...!! I WOULDN'T DO THAT...!

IN THE END, IT WAS JUST A BIG LOVER'S SPAT, THEN?

SO STUPID...

BUT, I MEAN ...

HUH...? UH... YEAH, I KNOW...

YOU KNOW... IF YOU TELL, YOU'RE 100% GONNA GET CAUGHT!

HUH ...?

WHAT? WHAT? DIRTY TALK THIS EARLY IN THE NEW TERM?

YUP, REALLY! TOO BAD FOR YOU!

R... RE- ALLY ?!

HUH ?!

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW YAMATO AND SUZUKA GOT BACK TOGETH- ER.

TELL THE WORLD, WHY DON'T YOU?!

HUH?! HEY!! WHO ARE YOU CALLING A PER- VERT?!

...

WH... WHY IS THAT TOO BAD FOR ME, YOU PER- VERT!!

I TOLD SUZUKA THAT WE WENT TO THE BEACH...

...AND THAT YOU INVITED SAKURAI-SAN...

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SLAP

UH ...

SO DID I REALLY SCREW UP THE OTHER DAY?

N...NO!! I DIDN'T KNOW...

YOU'RE TERRIBLE! ARE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY THEIR RELATION-SHIP?

POUT

IF SHE SAYS IT DOESN'T BOTHER HER, THEN WHAT'S THE HARM?

NEITHER SIDE'S GONNA DISCUSS THAT STUFF.

IT'S FINE. SHE SAID IT DOESN'T BOTHER HER.

R... REALLY? BUT STILL ...

SUZUKA-CHAN COULD'VE BEEN WITH A GUY, TOO.

CLINK CLINK

I MEAN, THEY WERE BROKEN UP FOR A YEAR.

HUH ...?

UH... YEAH ...

WELL... THERE'S NO POINT IN DWELL-ING ON THE PAST! NOW IS WHAT'S IMPORT-ANT! NOW!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU TACT-LESS JERK?!

RUB

S... STOP, YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE MESS-ING UP THE HAIR!!

RUB

SLAP

AH-HHH !!

WHA ...?! YOU PERV!!

HEY, DON'T TOUCH ME WITH YOUR BREASTS, HASHIBA!

TAKE CARE, AKITSUKI-SEMPAI!

OKAY, GOOD NIGHT!

SLAM!!!

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IT'S TRUE, THOUGH ...

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT ASAHINA DID IN THE STATES.

HUH ...?

TMP TMP

NO POINT WORRYING ABOUT IT...

AH WELL ...

ONE YEAR... HUH...

UH... ARIMA ...?

SUZUKA-CHAN ...

WHAT ...

COULD'VE BEEN WITH A GUY, TOO.

ARE YOU DOING HERE ?

NEITHER SIDE'S GONNA DISCUSS THAT STUFF.

HOW LONG ARE THEY GONNA TALK FOR...?

DAMN...

I'M TELL-ING YOU ...

YEAH, RIGHT!

...BUT WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT...?

THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE FIGHTING ...

ASAHINA TRIED TO GO OUT WITH ME...?

COULD THAT BE WHY...

DID SOMETHING GO ON BETWEEN THOSE TWO IN THE STATES?

OH... YAMATO-KUN.

HEY ...!

APPEAR

HEY ...

HEAD-ING HOME ?

...!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHY DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE?

UH ...

HMPH ...

WHOOSH

EVEN THOUGH NO UNIVERSITY HAS BETTER FACILITIES THAN OURS...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...

HUH?

I HEARD ... THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEIJO U.

STILL, EVEN IF YOU WERE TO COME TO OUR SCHOOL ...

YOU WOULDN'T BE A REGULAR ON THE 100M TRACK WITH ME AROUND.

HUH ...?

DON'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT!

HEY!

UH...

DO YOU THINK I SPENT THE YEAR MESSING AROUND?

WHAT-EVER UNIVER-SITY I GO TO ...

I'M NEVER GONNA LOSE TO YOU!!

...

WELL, THEN, FOCUS ON YOUR TRAIN-ING...

WHO KNOWS? YOU MIGHT GET SECOND PLACE AT UNIVER-SITY.

HH TURN

I SEE ...

UH... ER...

...

SORRY ...

ARIMA CAME TO SEE YOU, BUT I DROVE HIM AWAY...

HUH ...?

YOU TWO BECAME CLOSE IN THE STATES ...

... DIDN'T YOU?

CLOSE TO HIM?! OF COURSE NOT!!

H... HUH?!

...TO SEE YOU, YAMATO-KUN.

HON-ESTLY, HE CAME TODAY ...

KER-CHAK

SINCE THERE'S STILL A CHANCE THAT YOU CAN GET IN.

APPAR-ENTLY HIS UNIVERSITY SEMPAI TOLD HIM TO CONVINCE YOU TO GO TO TOHTO U...

HUH ...?

ME ...?

S... SO...

ARIMA PROB-ABLY DOESN'T CARE.

IT SEEMS HE JUST CAME 'CAUSE HE WAS TOLD TO.

SHUT

YEAH...

WHA...? BUT HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

W...WELL, WE DID TALK ABOUT THAT A LITTLE... BUT IT WAS HONESTLY NOT MUCH!

YOU DIDN'T TALK ABOUT YOUR TIME IN THE STATES?

THAT'S PROB-ABLY WHY HE CAME TODAY!

HE WOULDN'T STOP ASKING ME ABOUT THAT STUFF!

BESIDES, HE JUST ASKED ABOUT STUFF LIKE, "WHAT DID AKITSUKI PLACE IN THE I.H.?" AND "WHAT'S HIS TIME?"

TO BE HONEST, HE REALLY SEES YOU AS HIS RIVAL, Y'KNOW!

I SEE...

WH... WHAT ...?

WHEW!

WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM, SAYING YOU'LL BE SECOND IN UNIVERSITY?

PISSES ME OFF!

BUT HE SURE IS AS DESPICABLE AS EVER!

HUH ...?

STILL ...

I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? I DIDN'T SPEND THE YEAR JUST MESSING AROUND...

I'LL BUMP IT

AND I'M GONNA BEAT HIM...

...IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

HUH ...?

I...IN THAT CASE, TRAIN HARD FOR THE TIME BEING, AND MAKE SURE YOU PASS THE TRYOUTS!

THERE'S NO POINT IN TALKING A BIG GAME IF YOU DON'T GET IN.

I... I KNOW THAT!

ANYWAY, YOU'RE ALL TALK, SO WHAT IF YOU ACTUALLY DO FAIL?!

HEY !!

涼風 SUZUKA

#139 THE TEACHER

YUP!

SEE YOU GUYS TOMOR-ROW!

DON'T HURT YOURSELF BEFORE THE TRYOUTS, OKAY?

SEE YOU LATER, AKITSUKI! KICK ASS IN PRACTICE!

HUH?! IN YOUR DREAMS!!

HEY, LET'S GO HAVE CAKE, HATTORI.

YOUR TREAT!

OKAY...

I TALKED A BIG GAME TO ARIMA!

SO I GOTTA MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE I PASS THE TRYOUTS!!

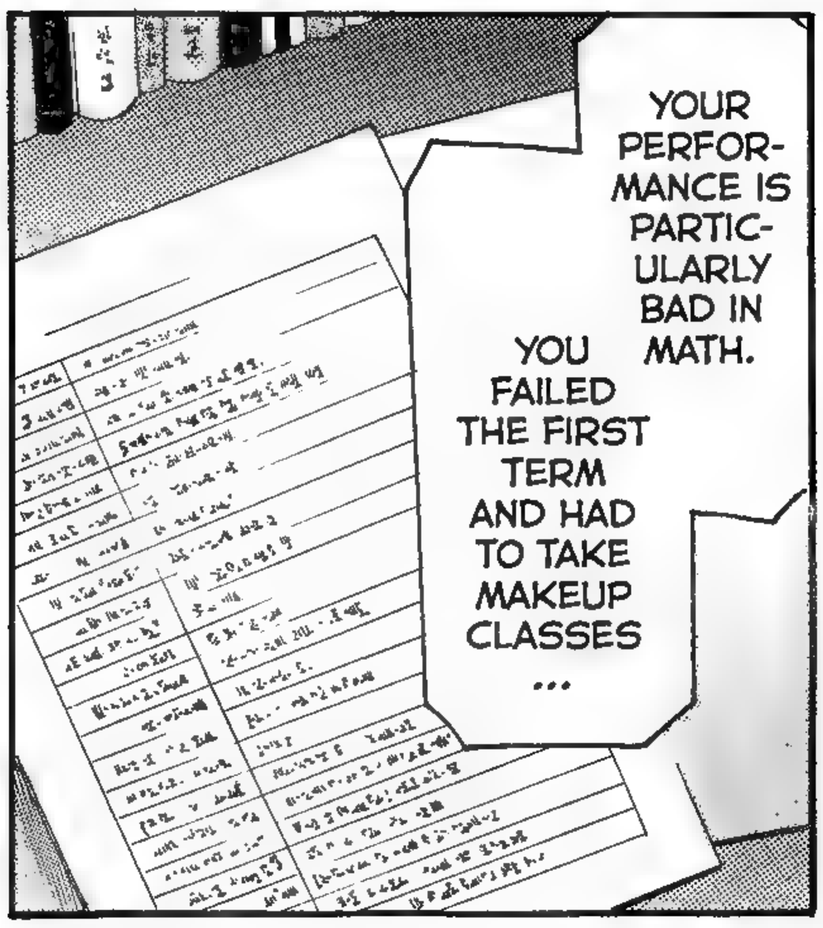
COULD YOU COME TO THE STAFF-ROOM?

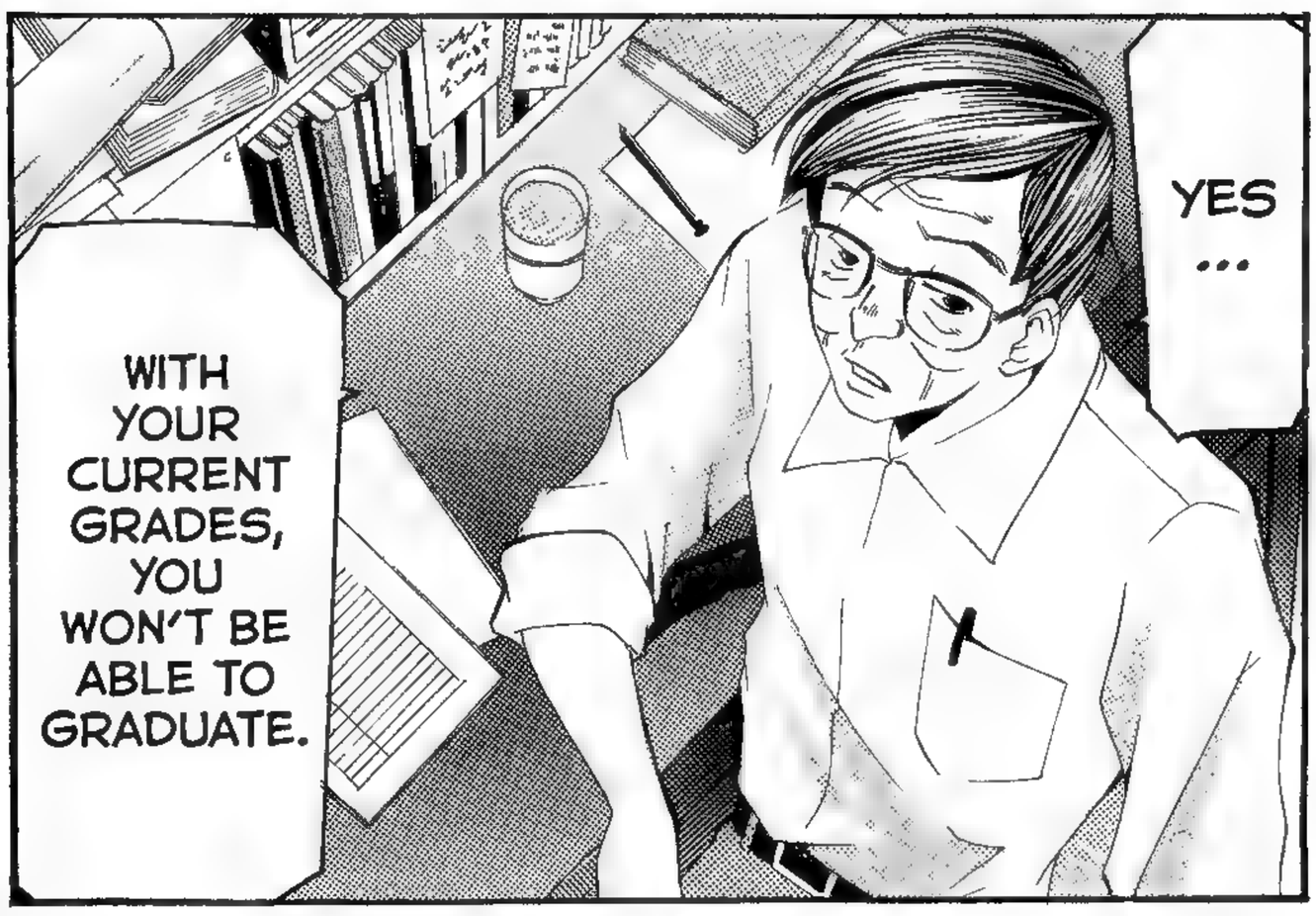
THERE'S SOME-THING IMPOR-TANT I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

UH... YES?

OH, AKI-TSU-KI!

STAFFROOM
HUH ...?
MY GRADES ...?!


YOUR PERFOR-MANCE IS PARTIC-ULARLY BAD IN MATH.
YOU FAILED THE FIRST TERM AND HAD TO TAKE MAKEUP CLASSES ...


WITH YOUR CURRENT GRADES, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GRADUATE.
YES ...

HUH?! WHAT?! B... BUT I GOT A RECOM-MENDA-TION...

AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL FAIL THE MIDTERM TEST FOR THE SECOND TERM, TOO...

...AND I DON'T KNOW IF MAKEUP CLASSES WILL HELP YOU THIS TIME...

W...WITH-DRAWN?!

...

WHICH WILL BE WITH-DRAWN ...

...IF YOU FAIL.

DING

UH... IS THERE ANY-THING THAT CAN BE DONE ...?

DONG

WELL, ALL YOU CAN DO IS STUDY, REALLY. GOOD LUCK.

DANG

UH... BUT ISN'T THERE ANY-THING ELSE ...

NOPE.

DONG

...

TCH

TCH

TCH

AHHHH! I DON'T GET IT!!

WHAT THE HECK ARE SINE, COSINE AND TANGENT ?!

WHOOSH

THIS IS BAD... REAL BAD...

AT THIS RATE, I MIGHT ACTUALLY FLUNK ...

NOMU

TAP TAP

WHY IS THERE ENGLISH IN MATH?!

I CAN'T EVEN FIGURE THAT OUT!!

DING
DONG

HM ...?

ASA-HINA ...

WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ...?

カチャ

KERCHAK

HOW'S IT GOING ...?

MAKING ANY PROG-RESS?

AYANO-SAN WANTED YOU TO EAT SOME ONIGIRI AT LEAST ...

SINCE YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HAD DINNER ...

UH... YEAH... THANKS.

TO THINK YOU MIGHT FLUNK OUT 'CAUSE OF MATH, OF ALL THINGS.

STILL, I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

I MIGHT ACTUALLY BE SCREWED THIS TIME...

BUT I DON'T GET IT AT ALL.

WELL, YEAH ...

HUH ...?

HEY ...

IF YOU'RE COOL WITH IT, WHY DON'T I TEACH YOU...?

THAT'S WHY I'M STUDYING MY BUTT OFF...

UH... YEAH, AL-THOUGH I'M NOT THAT GOOD AT MATH, EITHER.

N...NO WAY! REALLY?!

LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST.

WE WANNA GO TO UNIVERSITY TOGETHER, RIGHT?

I'M SO GLAD WE'RE TOGETHER...!

U...UH, OKAY. I'D APPRE-CIATE THAT.

SURE, IF IT'D HELP ...

ASAHIYU

ASA-HINA ...

BAM

HOW DID YOU GET AN ANSWER LIKE THIS?!

DID YOU NOT HEAR WHAT I SAID?!

DON'T APOL-OGIZE! JUST PAY ATTEN-TION!!

RIGHT HERE!!

YES, MA'AM !!

NO... UH...

I'M SORRY ...

WHAP
WHAP
YOU HAVE IT WRONG FROM THE VERY FIRST EQUATION!!
DON'T JUST WRITE WHATEVER WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE FORMULA!!
UH... I'LL EAT IT LATER ...
チャッ
CLATTER
YOU CAN'T WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND IT 'CAUSE YOU'RE HUNGRY!!
HURRY UP AND EAT YOUR ONIGIRI!!!
S... SORRY ...
HEY ...
EAT IT NOW!! C'MON!!
MMPH!
THIS IS HELL!!
I CAN'T SEEM TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT...
No. Crown

DATE.

OKAY...

START FROM THE BASIC PROB-LEMS.

ANYWAY, THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL RUSHED. JUST WORK THROUGH EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY.

HEH, HEH... I KNOW, RIGHT?

HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU EVEN MADE IT TO 3RD YEAR...

WHAT?

NOTH-ING!!

SHE'S EXACTLY LIKE HER SISTER ...

SO SCARY!!

THAT WASN'T A COMPLI-MENT.

SORRY...

HUH ...?

ANYWAY, TRY TO SOLVE UP TO QUES-TION FIVE ON YOUR OWN.

I'LL BE HERE WAITING ...

CREAK

CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM, Y'KNOW? YOU—

OH... THAT'S OKAY ...

YES MA'AM ...

SO TOUGH!!

GET TO WORK AL-READY!!

THEN I KNOW YOU WON'T DO IT!!

TICK
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TICK
チッ
TOCK
ASAHIYU BATHS
OH... CRAP. I DOZED OFF...
YAMATO-KUN, HOW'S IT COMING ALO—
ZZZ!
RUB RUB
...
コクン
NOD
Posso

MONO

HUH ...?

I'M WAIT-ING HERE, AND YOU DOZE OFF...

ARE YOU KID-DING ME?!

IT'S... ALL DONE...

FLIP

...

ZZZ...

ZZZ...

Cross No. Crown

WHEN YOU'RE DONE!

POKE
POKE

AT LEAST TELL ME...

SCRATCH
SCRATCH

ERM...

HEY!

PINCH

SNICKER
SNICKER

MMPH!

SNICKER
SNICKER

TWITCH

SNORT !!

すぴー
zzz
すぴー
zzz

スス…
RUSTLE

No Caption

GOOD JOB...

YAMATO-KUN...

IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP NOW, YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE!!

TIME FOR BREAK-FAST, ONI-CHAN!

HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!

ZZZ...

ZZZ...

PUBLIC BATHS

CLOP
CLOP
DASH

CLOP
JOLT
CLOP

basic
CLONK

ALL RIGHT ...!

TRY-OUTS ...

WHOOSH

HERE I COME!!

涼風 SUZUKA

#140 **THE TRYOUTS**

YAMATO-KUUN!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

WAIT!

I HAVE SOMETHING I WANNA GIVE YOU!

HUH ...?

HERE... I GOT THIS YESTER-DAY.

ASA-HINA ...

WHAT IS IT...?

OH...

I PICKED IT UP WHILE I WAS ON AN ERRAND.

EASY CHILDBIRTH

IT'S A CHARM!

HUH ...?

A CHARM FOR EASY CHILDBIRTH?! YOU DO KNOW I HAVE TRYOUTS, RIGHT?

I SEE!

WELL, IT WORKED ...

THANKS, ASAHINA! I'LL DO MY BEST!

YOU CAN BE A KLUTZ, SO JUST DON'T MAKE ANY SILLY MISTAKES, YAMATO-KUN!

ASAHIYU BATH

WHEN I GOT IT FROM YOU LAST TIME, SO...

I'M GONNA RUN LIKE I ALWAYS DO!

I'LL BE FINE! BESIDES, I HAVE YOUR CHARM...

OKAY...

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

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SEIJO UNIVERSITY TRACK TEAM

TRYOUT MEETING

SO MANY PEOPLE ...

WHOA ...

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EVERYONE, PLEASE WARM-UP ON YOUR OWN!!

THE TRYOUTS WILL START IN 30 MINUTES!!

IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE ALL TRYING OUT FOR THE 100M...!

NO... IT'LL BE FINE...

HOW'S IT GOIN', AKITSUKI? YOU PRACTICE HARD?

HMMM?

CRACK

CRACK

OW! OW! OW! OW! OW!

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!!

GRAB

I SEE. GLAD TO HEAR.

I...I'M FINE. I PRACTICED HARD AND I'M IN GREAT SHAPE...

COUGH!

COUGH!

JUST DON'T GET COM-FORTABLE, Y'HEAR?

EVERYONE'S AT PRETTY MUCH THE SAME LEVEL AS YOU. YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST THEM, AFTER ALL!

COUGH!

I'M GONNA MAKE SURE I PASS!!

FOR ASAHINA, TOO, WHO EVEN GOT ME THIS CHARM...

I KNOW ...

OKAY !!

THOSE RUNNING IN THE 100M RACE, PLEASE GET READY.

WE WILL NOW BEGIN!!

PIIII

THERE ARE FIVE OF US... HUH...

THEY ALL MADE THE FINALS AT THE I.H....

THERE AREN'T MANY, BUT...

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT I'LL PLACE AGAIN THIS TIME.

I JUST BARELY MADE 3RD PLACE BACK THEN...

ONLY ONE PER-SON?!

N...NO WAY!

YO, I HEARD ONLY ONE PERSON MAKES IT THROUGH FOR EACH CATEGORY THIS TIME AROUND.

ALL RIGHT, TAKE YOUR POSI-TIONS!

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ONLY ONE ?!

YOU SERIOUS?! THEY'RE BEING SO TOUGH!!

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TMP

OUT OF THE FIVE OF US, WHO ARE ALL ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL...

ONLY ONE WILL BE CHOSEN...

I APPROACHED THIS NAIVELY...

IT'S GONNA BE REALLY TOUGH TO MAKE IT...

KA-CHAK

KA-CHAK

KA-CHAK

IF I DON'T MAKE IT HERE ...

...THERE'S NO WAY I'LL GET IN BY PASSING THE EN-TRANCE EXAM...

FWIP

I HOPE WE GET TO GO...

...TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY!

I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN ...!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS ASAHINA...

ON YOUR MARK!!

I HAVE TO!!

I'M GONNA GET IN ...

110

BANG

KRRRK

?!

HUH...?

SHOOT ...!!

I MESSED UP!!

THAT IDIOT!!

MURMUR

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WHOA, NUMBER 7 TOTALLY MISSED THE STARTING PISTOL!

I'M NOT LOSING ...

SHIT ...!!!

...OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!

BURST

DASH

NGGGH!

JUST A LITTLE MORE...

A LITTLE MORE AND I CAN...

!!

WHOOSH

...

YEAH!!

10

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YOU IDIOT ...

YOU OVERDID IT AT THE START.

TMP

OH ...!

ASAHIYU BATHS

HEY! HOW'D THE TRYOUTS GO?

TMP

YAMATO-KUN!

CLENCH

UH...

YOU... DIDN'T MAKE IT...?

...

WELL... THE RESULTS AREN'T OUT YET, BUT...

YEAH... I DON'T THINK SO... I MADE A LOT OF MIS-TAKES...

SORRY...

Y...YOU STILL DON'T KNOW! THE RESULTS AREN'T OUT YET, RIGHT?

SORRY ... I KNOW YOU HELPED ME OUT A LOT, ASAHINA ...

YAMATO-KUN...

...

WITH THAT MANY PEOPLE, IT WAS TOUGH EVEN TO WATCH!

A HARD DAY'S WORK, EVERY-ONE!

UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

YEAH... THEY WERE ALL WITHIN A SECOND OF EACH OTHER. WE DECIDED ON THIS ONE.

HAVE YOU DECID-ED WHO YOU'RE GONNA PICK?

HOW WAS THE 100M?

MISSED STARTS ARE A COMMON MISTAKE.

HUH ...?

HIS TIME ISN'T THAT GREAT. ARE YOU SURE?

THIS KID'S GOT TALENT.

STILL, HE MADE UP THE MOST GROUND IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE RACE.

ALTHOUGH I BET HE'LL BE THE MOST SURPRISED...

...WHEN THE RESULTS GET ANNOUNCED.

SUZUKA

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#141 THE FAILED STUDENT

HELL

NOOOO!!

C...COME ON!

THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET IN IS THROUGH THE ENTRANCE EXAM NOW!

THERE'S NO WAY I GOT IN!! IF I THOUGHT I DID, I WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION!!

カ!!

SLAM

ア!!

I TOLD YOU, LET'S CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE HEAR THE RESULTS OF THE TRYOUTS!

IS IT THAT TOUGH GETTING INTO SEIJO ...?

...

IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT YOU EVEN GOT INTO OUR HIGH SCHOOL ...

SSSIP

SAYS THE GUY WHO MADE IT THIS FAR FAILING HIS CLASSES!

SO... WHAT IF I FAIL IT AND RETAKE IT NEXT YEAR?!

WITH YOUR BRAINS, THERE ISN'T EVEN A 0.1% CHANCE THAT YOU'LL GET IN BY PASSING THE EXAM!

A...

AGAIN AFTER THAT ?!

HMM... STILL, ABOUT 10%.

OKAY, AND IF I TAKE IT AGAIN ...?

20%

AND AGAIN AFTER THAT?!

30%

ARE YOU SERI-OUS ?!

WELL ... ...

BY THEN, MAAAY-BE...

RIGHT ...

SSSIP

BUT BY THEN, SUZUKA-CHAN WILL HAVE GRADUATED ...

SOME-ONE WHO FAILED THE EN-TRANCE EXAM ...

...IS GON-NA HAVE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT EXPERI-ENCE FROM SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T. MORE DIFFERENT THAN YOU'D THINK...

AND YOU KNOW ...

IT'S A BAD IDEA EVEN TO RETAKE THE EXAM, Y'KNOW?

NO WAY ...

N...

WH... WHY'S THAT ...?

HUH...? FAILING THE EXAM?

ASAHIYU BATHS

I DUNNO... I MEAN, I WOULDN'T GO OUT WITH A GUY THAT STUPID...

Y... YEAH ...

IF YOUR BOYFRIEND TURNED OUT TO BE A STUDENT WHO FAILED THE ENTRANCE EXAM, WHAT WOULD YOU DO, YUKA-SAN?

WH... WHY NOT?!

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, RIGHT ?!

THAT'S WHAT EVERY-ONE THINKS AT FIRST.

BUT, WELL ...

I HAVEN'T EVER REALLY HEARD OF IT GOING WELL...

YOU MAKE A LOT OF FRIENDS, JOIN CLUBS, GO TO MATCH-MAKING PARTIES...

BUT UNIVERSITY IS A LOT OF FUN, Y'KNOW ...

EVERY TIME YOU SEE THEM, IT'D BE A TOTAL DOWNER.

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE WITH SOME-ONE WHO FAILED THE ENTRANCE EXAM DURING A TIME LIKE THAT?

IT SEEMS MOST COUPLES LIKE THAT BREAK UP, Y'KNOW?

IN THE END, IT'D BE TOO HARD TO GO OUT WITH THAT PERSON ...

AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY-THING IN COMMON ...

...

THEY'D BE STUDYING ALL THE TIME, SO YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO GO ON ANY DATES ...

...

I SEE ...

THANKS FOR SHARING THAT ...

NO POINT DWELL-ING ON THINGS LIKE THAT ...

IT'LL ALL WORK OUT BETTER THAN EXPECT-ED.

AL-THOUGH YOU NEVER KNOW ...

IF I END UP FAILING THE ENTRANCE EXAM...

NO DOUBT ASAHINA WILL...

THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE WHO DON'T END UP THAT WAY...

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YAMATO AKITSUKI

...FEEL WEIGHED DOWN BY ME, TOO...

AN EASY CHILDBIRTH CHARM WOULDN'T BE EFFECTIVE... I MEAN, I AM A GUY, SO...

SIGH ...

IT'D DO NOTHING FOR ME ...

YEAH ...

KANOOL FIELD

THE UNITED KINGDOM

KER-CHAK

HM ...?

YAMATO-KUN ...

AREN'T YOU GONNA EAT?

UH ...

ASA-HINA ...

OH... OKAY. IF YOU'RE FREE, WANNA WATCH TV TOGETH-ER?!

SORRY ...

I'M NOT HUNGRY TODAY...

AN INTER-ESTING SHOW STARTED LAST WEEK!

BUT ...

UM ...

SURE ...

OH, MAN! THAT WOULD TOTALLY PISS ME OFF!

...

YEAHHH!

YEAHHH!

IT SEEMS MOST COUPLES LIKE THAT BREAK UP, Y'KNOW?

IN THE END, IT'D BE TOO HARD TO GO OUT WITH THAT PERSON...

SHE'S BEING CONSIDERATE LIKE THIS...

HM ...?

HEY ...

...

AND STAYING WITH ME NOW, BUT...

IF I END UP FAIL-ING THE ENTRANCE EXAM, ASAHINA...

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

YEAHHH!

WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE RESULTS OF THE TRYOUTS YET...

YEAHHH!

AND EVEN IF IT DOESN'T WORK OUT, THERE'S ALWAYS THE EN-TRANCE EXAM...

HUH?

...

THERE'S NO WAY I'M PASSING THE EN-TRANCE EXAM ...

EVEN YASU-NOBU SAID SO...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SO IF I DO END UP FAILING ...

I'M WONDERING IF WE'LL STILL BE TOGETHER ...

HUH ...?

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THAT?

WELL, YEAH!

YOU KNOW, IF YOU DID FAIL THE ENTRANCE EXAM...

O... OKAY ...

I WOULDN'T BE BOTHERED BY THAT ONE BIT!

BUT...

IF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES START CHANGING DOWN THE ROAD...

AND ASAHINA AND I END UP IN DIFFERENT PLACES IN LIFE...

WILL ASAHINA'S FEELINGS FOR ME...

REALLY STAY THE SAME?

...

HUH ...?

OH... BUT THERE IS ONE THING...

HUH ...?

I MIGHT BE...

...A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THAT...

EVEN IF OUR CIRCUM-STANCES CHANGE ...

I WONDER IF YOU'LL STILL WANNA BE WITH ME...

I MEAN, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD ...

YOU'RE WOR-RIED ABOUT THAT?!

CLATTER

WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINK-ING...

SNICKER

WHAT ...?

HERE I WAS, WORRIED THIS WHOLE TIME THAT WE'D BREAK UP...

N... NOTH-ING ...

WH... WHAT ...?

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

WHEN WE WERE BOTH THINKING THE SAME THING...

WE'LL STILL BE TOGETHER AFTER-WARDS...

THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

HUH ...?

TH...THERE YOU GO AGAIN, SAY-ING THINGS WITHOUT PROOF!

IT'LL BE FINE!! I'M SURE OF IT!!

...

YEAH...

W... WELL... I HOPE SO...

WHETHER I GET INTO UNIVERSITY OR NOT...

SO LONG AS WE BOTH FEEL THE SAME WAY WE DO NOW...

...

HUH ...?

I THINK WE'LL BE OKAY...

YAMATO-KUUUN! YOUR TEACH-ER'S ON THE OTHER LINE!!

WHAT? WHAT?! WHAT HAP-PENED ?!

HUH?! ARE YOU SERI-OUS?!

NO WAY!!

YEAH, I HEARD EARLIER FROM THE LANDLADY.

OH... SAOTOME-SAN, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT YAMATO-KUN'S RESULTS?

THAT'S WHY I TOLD HIM...

THINGS WILL WORK OUT BETTER THAN EX-PECTED ...

YOU'RE SUCH A DRAMA QUEEN, YAMATO-KUN!

HEH... HEH HEH... WELL, I REALLY DID SCREW UP A LOT THOUGH...

GETTING EVERYONE SO WORRIED ...

YOU MADE IT THROUGH AFTER ALL!

THE POWER OF THE CHARM!!

OH, YEAH! COULD IT BE THANKS TO THIS?!

AND EVERY-ONE ELSE WAS REALLY IN SHAPE, SO I WAS SURE I FAILED...

OH BOY ...

OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH ...

IT WAS DEFINITELY PURE LUCK THAT I PASSED.

SUZUKA

YOU THINK SO? I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...

I MEAN, THEY CAN'T JUDGE YOU ON THE TIME YOU GOT IN YOUR TRYOUT ALONE.

MAYBE YOU WERE EVALUATED ON THINGS OTHER THAN YOUR TIME, LIKE YOUR FUTURE POTEN-TIAL...

...

WELL...

WELL, OBVIOUS-LY! DON'T START SLACKING OFF JUST 'CAUSE YOU GOT IN!!

I KNOW, I KNOW! TRUST ME, WILL YA?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I GOTTA MAKE SURE I DON'T LET THEM DOWN.

"CELE-BRATE" ...?

YEAH. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

BUT Y'KNOW, SINCE YOU GOT IN ...

LET'S CELE-BRATE!

UH ...

I DON'T KNOW ...

YUP. TO-MORROW, I'M GOING BACK TO YOKOHA-MA...

ON THE WAY THERE, I'LL TAKE YOU SOME-PLACE NICE.

UH... OKAY ...

HUH ...? YOU WERE?

IN THAT CASE, I WAS KINDA PLANNING SOME-THING, SO IS IT COOL IF WE DO THAT?

涼風 SUZUKA

#142 CELEBRATION

UH... OKAY ...

QUICK! C'MON!

DON'T WORRY!

YOU'RE GONNA LIKE IT, YAMATO -KUN!

IT'S ALREADY EVENING, THOUGH ...

WHERE DO YOU WANNA GO?

WAS THERE SOME-THING THAT I'D LIKE IN YOKOHA-MA?

UH... REALLY ...?

YOKO-
HAMA
STADI-
UM?

YUP!

ADVANC

THE
HIRO-
SHIMA
CARPS
VERSUS
THE
YOKO-
HAMA
BAY
STARS!

FLAP

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FLAP

I GOT
'EM
HOPING
WE COULD
GO WHEN
YOU
PASSED
THE
TRYOUTS!

HUH
?!

NO
WAY!!

HUH ...?

HOW DID YOU GET THEM SO LAST MINUTE ?!

YOU HAVE CONNEC-TIONS OR SOME-THING, ASAHINA?!

HEH HEH! RIGHT?

A...ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

THAT'S AWWWE-SOME!!

OH... I SEE...

THAT'S... A DIF-FERENT STORY...

I WAS ABLE TO GET 'EM EASILY 'CAUSE IT'S A THROWAWAY MATCH...

UH ... YEAH ...

WOW! THIS PLACE IS HUGE!

IT'S MY FIRST TIME AT A BASE-BALL STADI-UM!!

WHOOWHOO

WOOHOO!

WOOHOO!

WHAT'S WRONG ...? YOU LOOK SO OUT OF IT. ARE YOU BORED ...?

N...NO, IT'S NOT THAT!!

OH?

MIURA'S OFF HIS GAME TODAY.

BUT WE'RE SITTING SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STANDS FOR THE BAY STARS.

YEAHHH!

YOU CAN GET IT, ISHII!!

ASAHINA MIGHT NOT HAVE KNOWN WHEN SHE GOT THE TICKETS ...

BUT SHE DID REMEMBER THAT I LIKE BASEBALL, AT LEAST.

...

WHISPER こそ

C'MON, MAEDA! HIT IT!

I MIGHT AS WELL CHEER THE CARPS QUIETLY ...

CRACK

SHE'S A LITTLE CLUMSY...

BUT SHE CAN BE CUTE...

CATCH

...?!

WHOA! HE HIT IT!!

CLATTER

AW, THAT'S TOO BAD. I THOUGHT IT'D BE A HOME RUN.

DASH

GO! RUN! RUN, SOYOGI!! RUN TO HOME!!

AAAAAH!

SAFE! SAFE!!

SLIIIDE

TAG UUUP!!

?!

...

GASP!

HIRO-SHIMA NEVER GIVES UP IN BASE-BALL ...

YES!! WE'RE AHEAD!!

STARE

UH ... YEAH ... I GUESS ...

AREN'T YOU GLAD THE CARPS WON?

7 8 9 10 R

UH... I DUNNO... MAYBE YOU IMAG-INED IT.

BUT I WONDER WHY EV-ERYONE KEPT GLARING AT US...

ANYWAY, THE STATION IS RIGHT THERE, SO I'LL GO WITH YOU.

UH... ACTU-ALLY ...

WELL... AS LONG AS YOU HAD FUN, YAMATO-KUN!

HOP

YEAH, I REALLY DID! THANKS!

HUH ...?

BUT I'D FEEL BAD.

LET ME WALK YOU ...

...BACK TO YOUR PLACE.

IT'S OKAY! REALLY!! BESIDES, IT'S DAN-GEROUS TO GO ALONE!!

RIGHT ?!

UH... YEAH... WELL, OKAY, THEN...

I WANT TO BE WITH HER A BIT LONGER...

IF I CAN...

TMP

HUH ...?

TMP

BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY.

YOU KNOW ...

I GOT INTO SEIJO, AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO GRADUATE ...

SO I CAN FOCUS ON SPEND-ING TIME WITH YOU FOR A WHILE.

AND YOUR STUDIES, TOO!

I KNOW THAT.

I TOLD YOU YES-TERDAY, TOO. THE IMPORTANT THING IS WHAT'S AHEAD!

IF YOU DON'T KEEP TRAINING, YOUR TIME IS GONNA DROP...

UH... YEAH ...

IF YOU SLACK OFF, YOU'RE GONNA FAIL AGAIN, Y'KNOW?

I JUST HAD TO OPEN MY MOUTH ...

HEH ... HEH HEH ...

IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE TO KEEP YOU IN LINE, YAMATO-KUN.

OTHER-WISE, YOU'LL GO RIGHT BACK TO FALLING BEHIND.

IT'S A LOT CLOSER THAN I THOUGHT ...

MAN ...

OH, YOUR HOUSE IS AT THE TOP OF THIS HILL, RIGHT ...?

...

UH... YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT ...

HUH ...?

THEN DO YOU WANNA TAKE A SMALL DETOUR ...?

YUP ...

OOH ...

SO THERE'S A PARK LIKE THIS NEAR YOUR HOUSE!

A LITTLE... BUT I'M OKAY ...

AREN'T YOU COLD, ASAHINA ...?

IT'S NICE AND QUIET HERE ...

UH-HUH ...

I'M REALLY GLAD ...

HUH ...?

UH...
YEAH
...

WHOA...

WE
GET
TO
GO
...

ASAHINA
LOOKS SO
CUTE...!

...TO
THE
SAME
SCHOOL!

IT'S THE PERFECT MOMENT, AND I AM HER BOY-FRIEND...!

SHOULD I TAKE THIS OPPOR-TUNITY TO CALL HER "SUZUKA"?

SU ...?

I'M REALLY GLAD, TOO...

SU... SU...

WHO JUST CALLS MY GIRL-FRIEND LIKE THAT ...?!

WHAT THE HELL ?!

UH ...

?!

HUH ...?

SUZU-KA!

DAD!

HUH...?

...

D...
"DAD"?!

HUH ...?

DAD!

D...

"DAD"?!

SUZUKA

涼風 SUZUKA

#143 **FATHER**

...

UM ...!

UH ...

N...NICE TO MEET YOU!! I'M YAMATO AKI-TSUKI!!

CLATTER

THIS IS MY BOY-FRIEND, YAMATO-KU... YAMATO AKITSUKI-KUN!!

HE WALKED ME HOME AFTER WE HUNG OUT TODAY!!

...

I...I'M SORRY WE'RE OUT SO LATE...

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE SHE GOT HOME SAFELY...

HUH ...?

HURRY UP AND GO HOME, SUZUKA.

YOUR MOTHER MUST BE WORRIED.

UHH ...

...

HE...

ズーン

GLOOM

...TOTALLY IGNORED ME...

HUH ...?

...

WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUT SO LATE?

AND THEN HE WALKED ME ALL THE WAY HOME!!

GRAB

HEY ...

I TOLD YOU. I WAS HANGING OUT WITH YAMATO-KUN!

HE SAID HE LIKES BASEBALL, SO WE WENT TO A NIGHT GAME...

TURN

WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?

JUST HURRY UP AND COME HERE!

ARGH !!

DON'T IGNORE ME!!

I...IT'S FINE, ASAHINA. I'M GONNA HEAD HOME...

SIS!

UH...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT AT THIS HOUR ...?

SU-ZUNE ...

I SAW THE THREE OF YOU TALKING FROM THE 2ND FLOOR, SO I CAME OUT TO GET YOU.

YOU GUYS WEREN'T HOME, SO...

...

STARE

WELL ...

WHAT ARE YOU STANDING AROUND TALKING ABOUT OUT HERE?

UH, YEAH... HE WALKED ME HOME AFTER...

HUH ...?

SO... DID YOU GUYS HAVE FUN ON YOUR DATE?

OH... YAMATO-KUN, CARE TO COME IN FOR A BIT, TOO?

THEN DON'T STAY OUT HERE. COME IN.

UH ...

I'M GONNA HEAD IN NOW.

N...NO! NO!! THAT'S— !!

IT'S OKAY, RIGHT, DAD?

MOM WANTED TO MEET YAMATO-KUN, TOO.

...

HUH ...? HE DID?

GREAT! HE SAID OKAY ...

HERE YOU ARE.

CLINK

朝比奈

ASAHINA

NOT AT ALL. TAKE YOUR TIME.

OH... THANK YOU!!

I'LL BE ON MY WAY SOON, REALLY!!

...

RIGHT?! HE'S TOTALLY THE TYPE OF GUY SUZUKA WOULD LIKE!!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?!

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU...

YOU'RE JUST AS I IMAGINED, YAMATO-KUN.

...BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD TALK ABOUT...

ちら。 GLANCE

IN THE END, I ACTUALLY CAME OVER...

THERE'S NO SIGN THAT HE WANTS TO TALK TO ME...

FLAP / I"

AND I THINK HER DAD'S PISSED...

STARE (" 3 '

HUH? MUK IS ALWAYS CALM.

I WAS JUST THINK-ING HOW CALM YOUR DOG IS TODAY!

WHAT IS IT?

UH... NOTH-ING ...

UH... THANK YOU ...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO NERVOUS, YAMATO-KUN.

SHE HAS SUCH A STRONG PERSON-ALITY, AND SHE CAN BE SELFISH ...

DATING SUZUKA MUST BE A HANDFUL, THOUGH.

HUH ...?

UGH! SHUT UP, SIS!!

OH, YOUR BOY-FRIEND COMPLI-MENTED YOU, SUZUKA ...

ISN'T THAT GREAT?

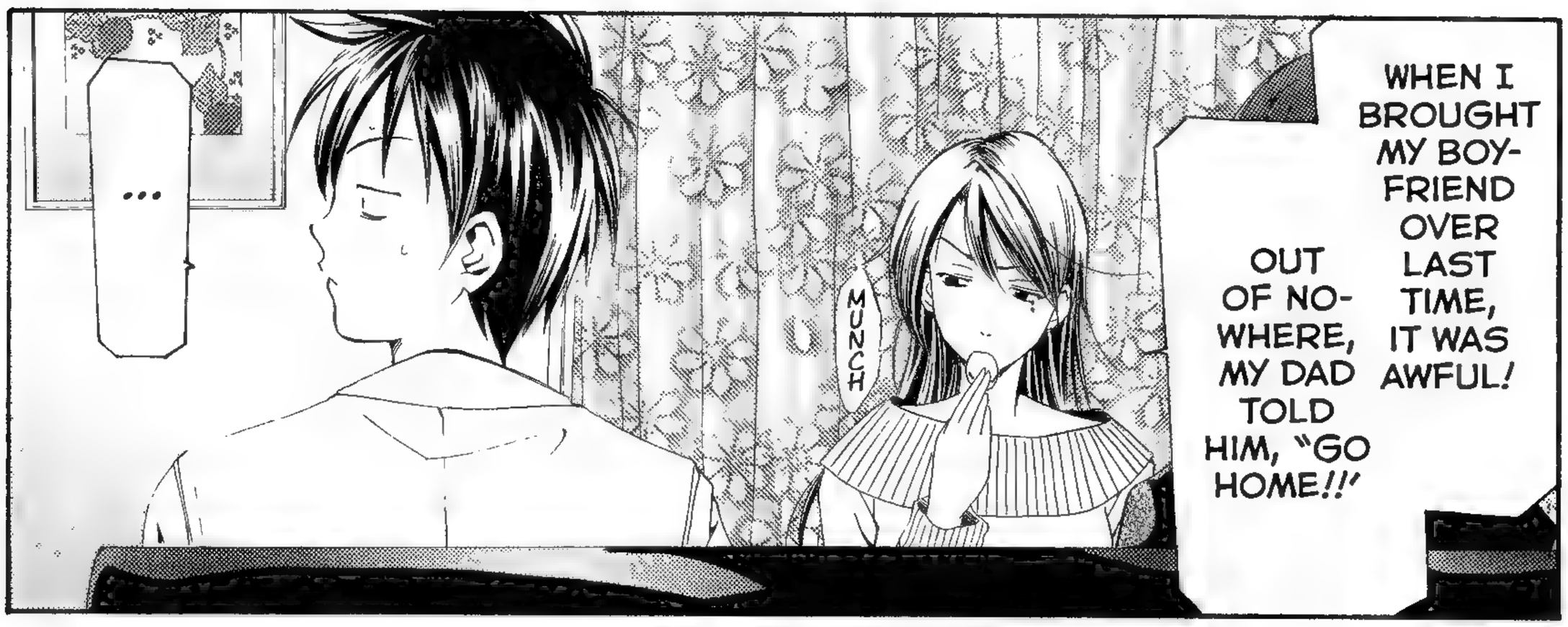
N...NOT AT ALL! RECENTLY, SHE'S BEEN SUPER NICE!!

SHE WENT OUT OF HER WAY TO GET OUR TICKETS TODAY, TOO...

WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?

HUH ...?

AND IT LOOKS LIKE DAD DOESN'T MIND YOU, EITHER!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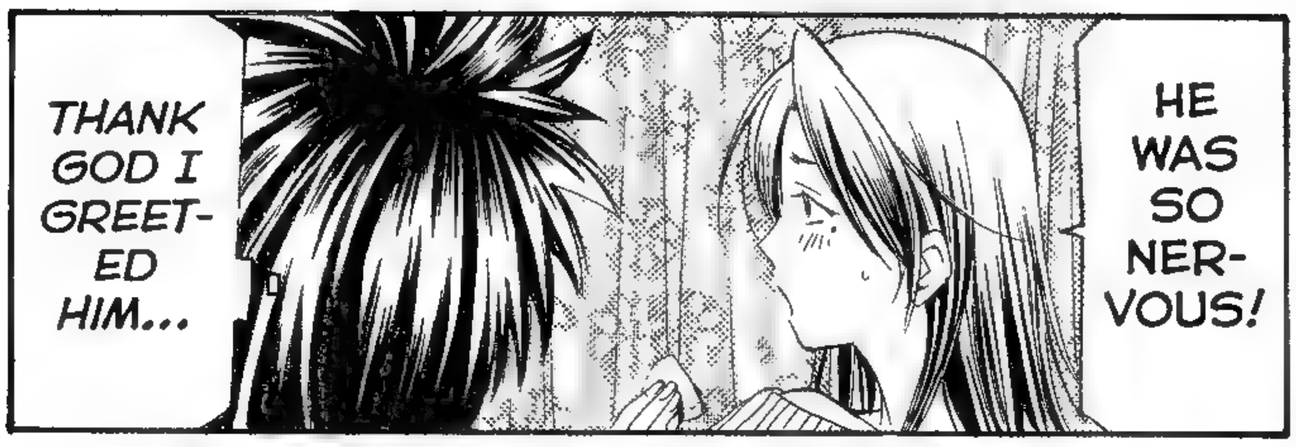
MUNCH
WHEN I BROUGHT MY BOY-FRIEND OVER LAST TIME, IT WAS AWFUL!
OUT OF NO-WHERE, MY DAD TOLD HIM, "GO HOME!!"


THANK GOD I GREET-ED HIM...
HE WAS SO NER-VOUS!

IF A GUY CAN'T EVEN GREET HIS GIRL-FRIEND'S PARENTS ...
...THEN HE SHOULDN'T SET FOOT IN THEIR HOUSE ...

HON-ESTLY, DAD, WHY DON'T YOU COME AND TALK?
YOU'RE MAKING YAMATO-KUN UNCOM-FORTABLE BEING ALL QUIET OVER THERE.

C'MON, DAD! WOULD YOU COME OVER HERE?

TH... THAT'S NOT NEC- ESSARY ...

UH, I'M GONNA HEAD ON HOME NOW!!

FLAP

?!

URK... HE'S COMING HERE!!

BADUMP ドキ

BADUMP ドキ

WHAT'S HE GONNA SAY TO ME...?

HE'S NOT GONNA YELL AT ME, IS HE?!

CLATTER カタッ

S... SORRY ?!

"FOR THE FUTURE" ?!

BADUMP

UH ...

BADUMP

HE FINALLY TALKED TO ME...

I BETTER NOT SAY ANYTHING STUPID!!

WHAT ...

...DO YOU HAVE IN MIND FOR THE FUTURE?

CLATTER

I... WILL... CHERISH SUZUKA-SAN...

...FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!!

HUH ...?

...

...

DROP

UH ...

CA... REER ?

ADJUST メガネ!

I...

...WAS ASKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE CAREER ...

SLAM

UH ...!

THAT WAS TERRIBLE!!

GLOOM

YOU HAVE THE ORDER ALL WRONG!! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!!

WOW... YOU SURE ARE DUMB!!

IDIOT ...

HUH?! UH... I...

BUT !!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

OH, MY STOMACH HURTS!!

SNICKER SNICKER

?!

...

C'MON!! THAT'S ENOUGH, BOTH OF YOU!!

...

HA! HA! HA! HA!! SERI-OUSLY!!

SNICKER SNICKER

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR FATHER SO SUR-PRISED!

GACHUNK ガタン GACHUNK

GACHUNK ガタン GACHUNK

...IN FRONT OF HER ENTIRE FAMILY...

OF ALL THE THINGS I COULD DO, I PRO-POSED ...

PLUNK

...

I SCREWED UP.

ズーン GLOOM

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001 ☑ SUZUKA ASAHINA

Re:

THANKS FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO WALK ME HOME! (*^_^*)

MY DAD'S ALWAYS THAT WAY, AND IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S MAD, SO DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU! COME OVER AGAIN SOMETIME, OKAY?!

STILL...

...

PWOOOONG!

GATHUNK

GATHUNK

GATHUNK

GATHUNK

ANY-WAY ...

NEXT TIME, I SHOULD GO IN A SUIT...

涼風 SUZUKA

#144 **THE FIRST MOVE**

SHUT UP ...

HA! HA! HA! HA! AS ALWAYS, YOU DO THINGS DIFFER-ENTLY!

RUSTLE "
RUSTLE "

...YOU DON'T THINK HE'D BE ASKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE CAREER!

I MEAN, WHEN YOUR GIRL-FRIEND'S DAD SUDDENLY PUTS YOU ON THE SPOT...

RUSTLE

AUGH... THIS SUCKS... I WON-DER WHAT ASAHINA'S THINKING AFTER HEARING ME SAY THAT...

WELL... I WOULDN'T KNOW, SINCE I'D BE TOO SCARED TO GO THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YOU PRO-POSED IN FRONT OF HER FAMILY?

W... WELL... YEAH, I GUESS.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SHE LIKELY DOESN'T THINK MUCH OTHER THAN THAT YOU HAD ONE OF YOUR USUAL BRAINLESS MOMENTS.

YOU'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR ABOUT A YEAR IN TOTAL AT THIS POINT, RIGHT?

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, DESPITE BREAK-ING UP ...

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?! JUST DROP IT!!

YOU CAN ONLY TAKE THINGS SO SLOWLY, Y'KNOW.

AND YOU GUYS HAVE ONLY KISSED THREE TIMES?

HUH? UH... YEAH, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.

A YEAR ...

I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING, MAN...

...

PTOO!

CAN YOU NOT GET IT UP OR SOME-THING?

WELL, ISN'T IT WEIRD?

WHAT ...?!

A... ARE YOU STUPID ?!

COUGH!

HACK!

AHHH! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!!

I THINK YOU HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES IF YOU WANTED IT.

THERE IT IS... IT'S ALWAYS THAT!

THAT'S ENOUGH!! WE'RE JUST TAKING OUR TIME!!

それじゃわかんないことは先輩の私に聞いてね？

IT WAS LIKE THAT WHEN YOU DATED SAKURAI, TOO...

私そんなんじゃないし

AND YUI-CHAN CLEARLY HAD A THING FOR YOU.

TH...

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY, BUT...

VIRGINITY ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CLING TO!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I?

IT'S UP TO THE GUY TO SET THE STAGE FOR THAT STUFF TO HAPPEN!

YOU'RE IN YOUR THIRD YEAR NOW... NO GUY STAYS PLATONIC WITH THE GIRL THEY'RE DATING.

UH... BUT ASAHINA ISN'T THE TYPE TO THINK ABOUT THAT KINDA STUFF.

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WAITING FOR, IT'S NEVER GONNA COME.

THERE'S SUCH A THING AS TIMING, ISN'T THERE ...?

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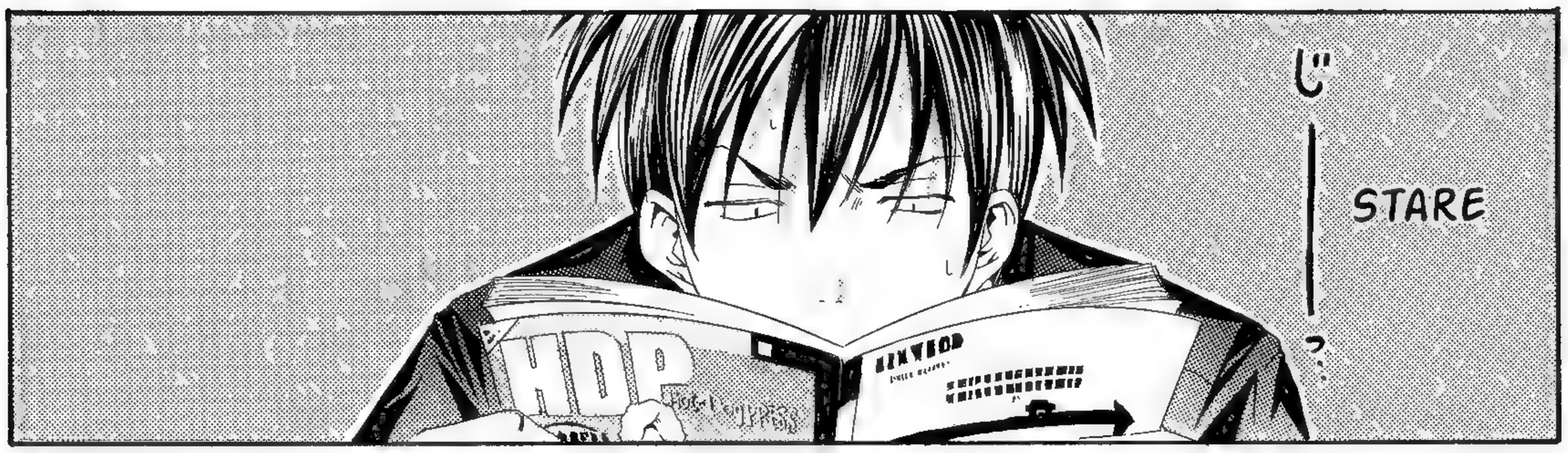
I THINK SHE'D BE MORE ANXIOUS IF YOU WERE TO NEVER MAKE A MOVE.

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

ASAHI BATHS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STARE
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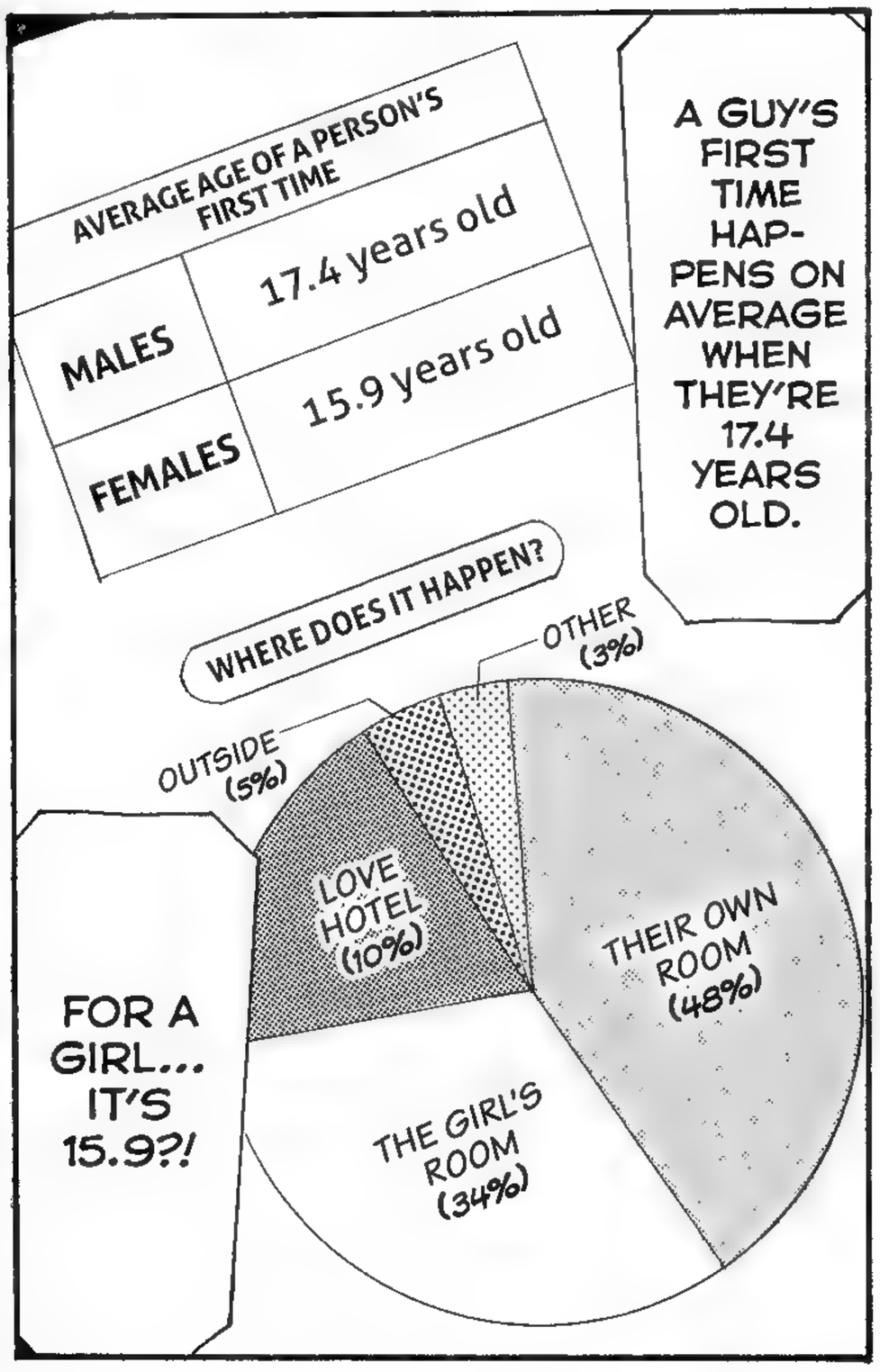
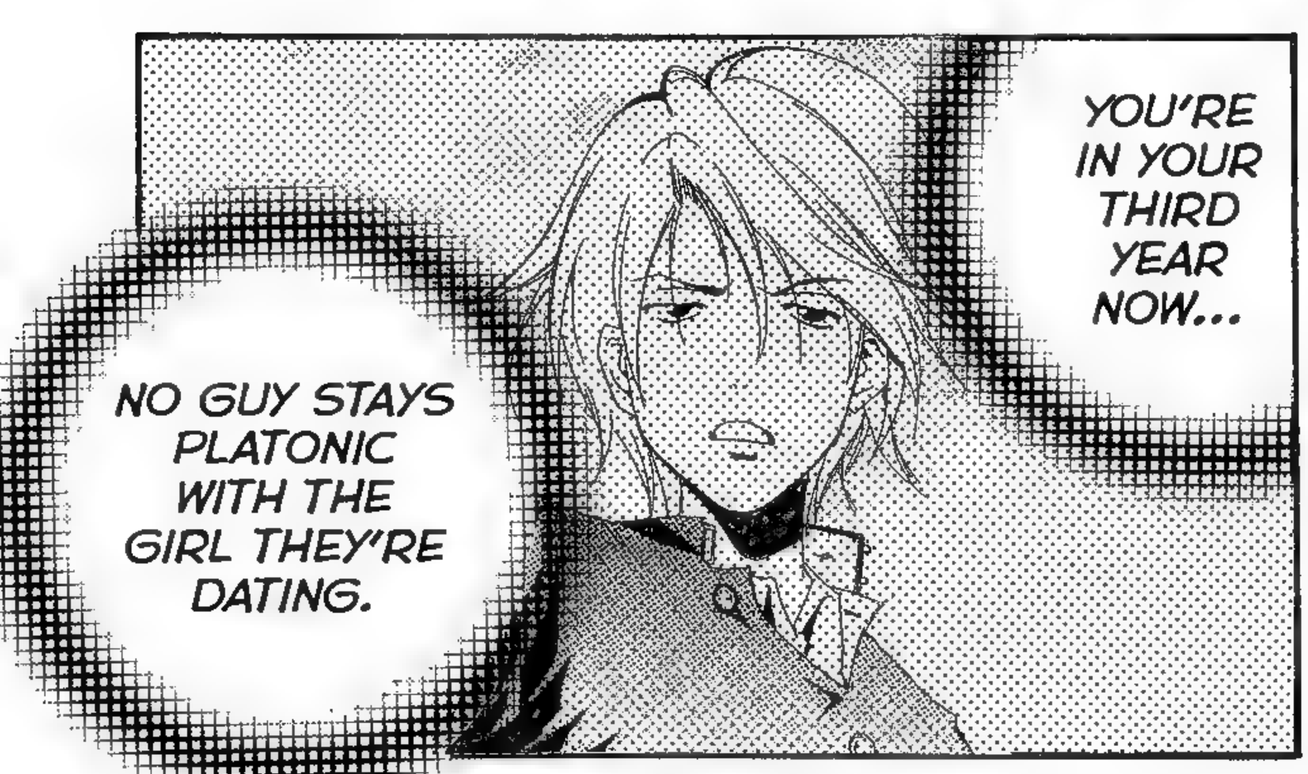
SANWOOD

WHAT IS UP WITH JAPAN'S YOUTH?!
FLIP
FLIP
TH... THIS WORLD IS SO WEIRD!!


AVERAGE AGE OF A PERSON'S FIRST TIME
MALES
17.4 years old
FEMALES
15.9 years old
A GUY'S FIRST TIME HAPPENS ON AVERAGE WHEN THEY'RE 17.4 YEARS OLD.
WHERE DOES IT HAPPEN?
OTHER (3%)
OUTSIDE (5%)
LOVE HOTEL (10%)
THEIR OWN ROOM (48%)
THE GIRL'S ROOM (34%)
FOR A GIRL... IT'S 15.9?!


YOU'RE IN YOUR THIRD YEAR NOW...
NO GUY STAYS PLATONIC WITH THE GIRL THEY'RE DATING.

HUH?

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NO... AM I THE WEIRD ONE...?

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GLOOM

I'M WAY PAST THE AVERAGE AGE, TOO...

"WHEN A GIRL COMES TO YOUR ROOM, IT'S A SIGN THAT SHE'S LIKELY OKAY WITH DOING IT"...?

"SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!!"

...

...

COME TO THINK OF IT ...

ASAHINA OFTEN COMES INTO MY ROOM ...

NOPE! THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!!

OUR SITUA-TION IS DIFFER-ENT!!

I MEAN, SHE LIVES RIGHT NEXT DOOR!!

WHOAAA!!

SLAM!!

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU SO WORKED UP ABOUT? KEEP IT DOWN, WILL YOU?

HUH?! UH... NOTH-ING!!

ANYWAY, WHAT WERE YOU GET-TING SO WORKED UP ABOUT ALL BY YOURSELF?

H... HEY ...

DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!!

NO WAY I COULD TELL HER ABOUT THAT...

OH... BY THE WAY, YAMATO-KUN, ARE YOU FREE?

UH... YEAH.

WELL, IT'S ANNOYING COMING IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR EACH TIME.

UHH... IS THAT THE ONE THEY'VE BEEN ADVER-TISING ON TV?

I RENTED A DVD. DID YOU WANT TO WATCH IT TO-GETH-ER?

APPAR-ENTLY PEOPLE ARE SAYING IT'S INTER-ESTING!

HEY!

FINE! I'LL WATCH IT ALONE!!

I SAW THE TRAILER FOR THAT... CAN'T YOU TELL WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN?

...

THE LOVE INTEREST SOMEHOW ENDS UP DYING AGAIN, RIGHT? THESE DAYS, THAT'S WHAT ALWAYS HAPPENS ...

...

OKAY?!

S... SORRY! I'LL WATCH IT, I'LL WATCH IT!!

LET'S WATCH IT TOGETH-ER!!

...

WHOA...

THIS MOVIE HAS A LOT OF SEX SCENES...

ASAHINA DOESN'T SEEM UNCOM-FORTABLE WATCH-ING IT, THOUGH ...

ちら GLANCE

...

HUH...? SO SHE WAS A LITTLE EMBAR-RASSED ...

"WHEN A GIRL COMES TO YOUR ROOM, IT'S A SIGN THAT SHE'S LIKELY OKAY WITH DOING IT."

UH...

COULD THAT BE WHY SHE RENTED THIS KIND OF MOVIE...?

CREAK

I SEE ...!

COULD IT BE BECAUSE I'VE NEV-ER DONE ANY-THING ...?

"I THINK SHE'D BE MORE ANXIOUS ...

...IF YOU WERE TO NEVER MAKE A MOVE."

TH...

THEN ...

WHAT A FREAKING LIAR!!

THAT JERK WAS WRONG !!

BLUSH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WATCH THE MOVIE!

I'M JUST GONNA WATCH THE FILM...

I SHOULDN'T GET ANY WEIRD IDEAS...

UH... S... SORRY ...

THE MOVIE IS INTEREST-ING, BUT...

MAN, IT'S LONG...

...

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S FINALLY ENDING ...

HUH ...?

ASA-HINA ...?

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WE BECAME LIKE THE COUPLE IN THIS MOVIE ...?

FWIP

HUH ...?

...THAT COUPLE HAD...

THE LOVE ...

"LIKE THIS MOVIE"...? SO, IN OTHER WORDS ...

BADUMP

SO IT IS TRUE ...

...

BADUMP

GRIP...

SO ASAHINA IS ANXIOUS...

WE HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS SINCE DATING...

SHE WANTS TO HAVE THE KIND OF LOVE THAT COUPLE HAD, RIGHT...?

I'M SO PATHETIC ...

HUH ...?

TO THINK IT TOOK ALL THIS FOR ME TO GET THE MESSAGE...

CLINK

LOS ANGELES

ORDINARY

...WANNA LOSE MY VIRGINITY DURING HIGH SCHOOL...

IT'S NOT THAT I REALLY ...

BUT...

TOUCH...

!!

...EVEN A LITTLE...

IF THIS WILL REASSURE ASAHINA...

ORDINARY 07

ASAHINA
...

WHAT
...

...DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ...?

SMOOSH

HUH
...?

?!

POW

SLAM

...

UH...

WHAAAT?!

SO... I WAS WRONG?!

ASAHIYU BATHS

POW

...

GROAN ...

I KNOW I TOUCHED HER BOOBS, BUT...

...SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO GET *THAT* UPSET...

STILL HURTS ...

SUZUKA 涼風

#145 **THE RIFT**

I HATE LEAVING THINGS ON A BAD NOTE...

KA-CHAK

KA-CHAK

I SHOULD APOL-OGIZE TO HER WHEN I SEE HER...

SLAM

SIGH ...

T!

CREAK

...

A... ASA-HINA!

OH ...

ABOUT YES-TER-DAY, I...

UH ...

...!!

STAY AWAY FROM ME ...!!

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UH ...!

TMP 111

HOLD ON, ASA-HINA!!

CLOP カン

CLOP カン

...

PLEASE!

UH ...

HEY... JUST HEAR ME OUT!

C'MON ...

IF YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT YESTER-DAY, I'M SORRY!

CLOP CLOP CLOP ...

DON'T TALK TO ME!!

I DON'T WANNA HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY...

...

ASA-
HINA
...

CLOP カツ カツ CLOP

HEY! YOU'RE BACK, AREN'T YOU?!

I SAID IT'S DINNER-TIME!!

?!

JOLT ドン

I'M NOT HUNGRY !!

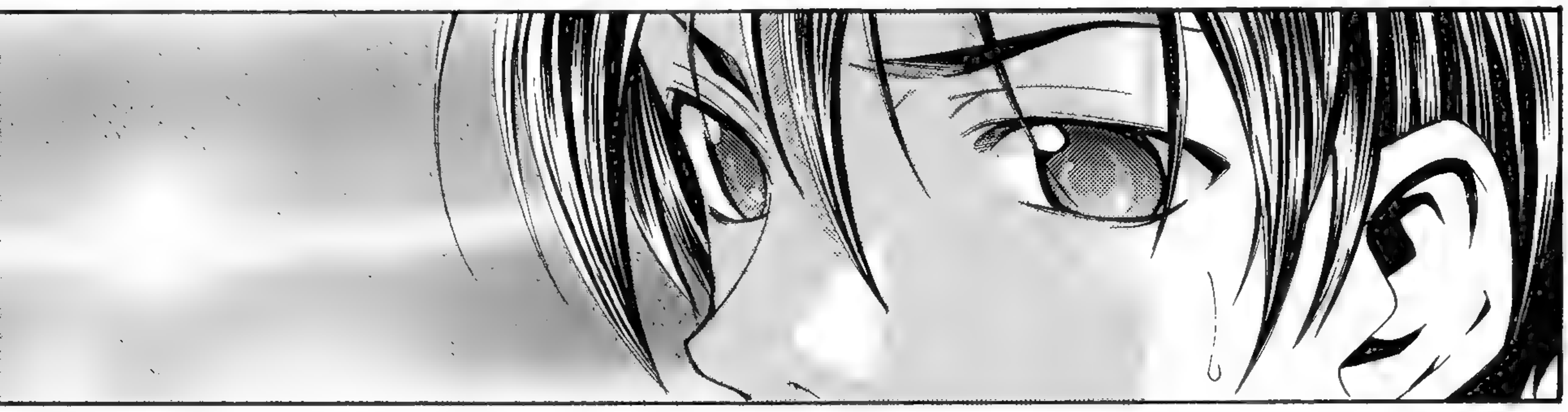
ONI-CHAN, IT'S DINNER-TIME!!

ASAHIYU BATHS

I JUST DON'T GET IT!!

WHA ...

WHAT THE HECK?! FINE! DON'T COME OUT!!



STAY AWAY FROM ME!!

I'M THE ONE WHO DOESN'T GET IT...

I APOL-OGIZED, TOO...

...

WHY DID ASAHINA GET SO PISSED?!

Venomous

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I DID IT 'CAUSE I WANTED TO FOOL AROUND...

I MEAN, IT ALL START-ED 'CAUSE OF WHAT YASUNOBU SAID...

Venomous Snake

WAS IT THAT BAD...?

STILL ...

NHK

SUZUKA ASAHINA

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TMP

ピンポーン

DING
DONG

UH...

UZUKA ASAI

KER-
CHAK

YAMATO-
KUN
...

THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.

ASAHIN

CREAK

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SUZUKA ASAHINA

I REALLY NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

CAN YOU SPARE A MINUTE?

302 SUZUKA ASAHINA

NOT SO LOUD!!

TUG TUG

C'MON, I'M BEGGING YOU, ASA-HINA!!

JUST HEAR ME OUT!!

GRAB

YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSING ME!!

F...FINE! I WILL, JUST COME IN!!

THEN HEAR ME OUT!!

SOR-RY...

SLAM

I JUST DON'T GET IT...

A... ABOUT YESTER-DAY...

SO? WHAT IS IT...?

HUH...?

BUT!!

WE'RE GOING OUT, AREN'T WE?!

LIKE, I AM SORRY THAT I ...

DID SOME-THING LIKE THAT SO SUD-DENLY...

WAS WHAT I DID

REALLY THAT BAD?!

W...WELL, IT'S NOT THAT I CARE SO MUCH...

...

BUT I MEAN, THAT KINDA STUFF IS NORMAL FOR A COUPLE!

WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THAT ...?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NORMAL"?

ISN'T IT ENOUGH FOR US TO WATCH TV, GO OUT AND EAT...

AND HANG OUT TO-GETH-ER?

WELL... YEAH...!

THEN WHY?

I DON'T GET WHY YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT *THAT!*

WELL... I MEAN ...

STUFF LIKE THAT IS DIF-FERENT FOR EACH PERSON ...

DEPENDING ON THE RE-LATIONSHIP THEY HAVE, ISN'T IT?

WELL, I DON'T!!

AS YOU GO OUT, YOU START THINKING IT'S TIME!!

I LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW!!

I CAN BE HAPPY WITH THAT!!

WELL...

I CAN'T!!

I CAN'T BE HAPPY WITH JUST THIS!!

I...

I DON'T WANNA TALK TO YOU.

GO HOME ...

H... HEY, I...

TURN

STOP ...

HUH ...?

Venomous Snake

I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT THIS!!

I SAID, GO HOME !!

...!!

SLAM

DAMN ...

WHAT THE HELL ...?

WHY DO I HAVE TO FIGHT WITH ASAHINA ...

OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?!

#146 PREFACE

SHE REJECTED YOU?!

MUNCH MUNCH

HUH ...?

YEAH ...

THEN WHY DID THINGS FALL APART?

WE WERE JUST WATCHING A MOVIE TOGETHER ... AND THE MOOD DEFINITELY FELT RIGHT... SO...

MAN, YOU ARE LAME... YOU DIDN'T BLURT OUT "I WANNA DO THE DIRTY" OR SOMETHING AS ALWAYS, RIGHT?

I—I WOULDN'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT!!

AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "ALWAYS"?!

WELL ...

SO YOU JUST GAVE UP LIKE THAT...?!

W... WELL, YEAH!!

HUHH?

SLURP

SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T GET WHY THAT'S SO IM-PORTANT ...

SHE SAID SHE'S HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW...

...

WHY IS IT THAT YOU ALWAYS GET SOFT WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE?

FLIP

MAN, YOU ARE PATHETIC! YOU CALL YOURSELF A GUY?

HEY ...!

CLATTER

I'M DONE!

IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TAKE YOUR ADVICE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF PLAYING HARD TO GET?!

DING

DONG

DANG

SHUT UP!!

I'M GIVING YOU GOOD ADVICE HERE!!

WAIT, YAMATO!! JUST LISTEN!!

...

TMP

TMP

WHY YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT **THAT!**

I DON'T GET...

I JUST ...

...WANTED TO GET CLOSER TO YOU...

WHY I CARE SO MUCH ...?

LATER, SUZU-KA!

SEE YA!

UH...

ASA-
HINA
...

...

UH...
I...

UH ...!

HEY, WAIT UP!!

11 TURN

...

WHY ...?

ASA-HINA!!

...

...!

WHY HAVE THINGS GOTTEN THIS WAY...?

ASAHIYU BATHS

WAIT!!

TURN

MATH I

IF YOU'RE COOL WITH IT ...

WHY DON'T I TEACH YOU...?

HERE! IT WORKED FOR ME BEFORE, SO...

'CAUSE I LIKE YOU, ASAHINA ...

I WANNA KEEP BE-ING WITH YOU...

BUT ...

I'M REALLY GLAD!

I THINK SHE'D BE MORE ANXIOUS IF YOU WERE TO NEVER MAKE A MOVE.

UH... YOU THINK SO...?

WE GET TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL!

"WHEN A GIRL COMES TO YOUR ROOM, IT'S A SIGN THAT SHE'S LIKELY OKAY WITH DOING IT"...?

I CAN'T!!

I CAN'T BE HAPPY WITH JUST THIS!!

AS YOU GO OUT, YOU START THINKING IT'S TIME!!

THAT KINDA STUFF IS NORMAL FOR A COUPLE!

...

IT IS, REALLY!! TRUST ME!!

HA! HA! HA! HA!!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S TRUE!!

AND YET, WHAT I DID...

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NHK

SUZUKA ASAHI

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

...?

...

HUH ...?

WHA ...?

?!

THUD

THUD

ASA-HINA !!

H...HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

BANG!!

UH...

UH...
I...

BAM

I'M SORRY !!

HUH ...?

...

HUH ...?

I MEAN, I GET IT NOW!

NO!! PLEASE LET ME APOLO-GIZE!!

WH-WHOA, STOP IT! WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?!

FWIP

I JUST ... WANTED TO DO IT!!

YASUNOBU TOLD ME THAT IT'S NORMAL TO DO IT AFTER GOING OUT FOR A YEAR...

SO I FELT RUSHED.

...

HUH ...?

AND THAT, IF A GIRL COMES INTO A GUY'S ROOM, IT'S A SIGN THAT SHE'S LIKELY OKAY WITH IT...

AND IN THE MAGAZINE I READ, THEY SAID THE AVERAGE GUY HAS HIS FIRST TIME AT 17 YEARS OLD...

YAMA-TO-KUN ...

...

SO I ENDED UP THINK-ING ONLY ABOUT MYSELF...

BANG

I'M SO SORRY!! I'M THE WORST!!

BANG

I SAID STOP IT!!

...WITH-OUT EVEN CONSID-ERING YOUR FEEL-INGS...

YOU KNOW ...

...

IN MY HEAD, I KNEW ...

...THAT IT WOULD LEAD TO THAT AT SOME POINT...

HUH ...?

I'M NOT ANGRY ...

BUT ...

AND ...

...

UM ...

THAT STUFF... WELL...

I REALLY AM HAPPY WITHOUT THAT STUFF...

...AND IT'S BEEN SO FUN HANG-ING OUT WITH YOU EVERY DAY...

IT SCARED ME...

ASAHINA ...

...

I'M ...

SOR-RY, TOO ...

WHICH IS WHY ...

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO SAY WHEN I SAW YOU...

BOY, I'M AN IDIOT...

...

I DIDN'T KNOW...

...WHAT MATTERED MOST TO ME.

WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR THIS LONG, AND I HAD NO IDEA.

I'M OKAY WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, TOO.

HUH ...?!

N-NO, IT'S OKAY! REALLY!! IT IS!!

BUT... YOU WON'T BE SATISFIED THEN, RIGHT, YAMATO-KUN?

I DON'T WANT TO DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT SO CASU-ALLY ...

I REALLY AM OKAY WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW...

YOU... UH...

I MEAN ...

YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME ...

ASAHINA ...

HUH ...?

SO...

I WANT TO CHER-ISH YOU ...

...EVEN MORE NOW...

YAMA-TO-KUN ...

...

N... NAW ...

NOTH-ING TO THANK ME FOR...

THANK YOU ...

I'M OKAY WITH IT, YAMATO-KUN ...

CLATTER

カリ

"

SO... THAT'S WHY...

WITH WHAT ...?

HUH ...?

I WOULDN'T BE...

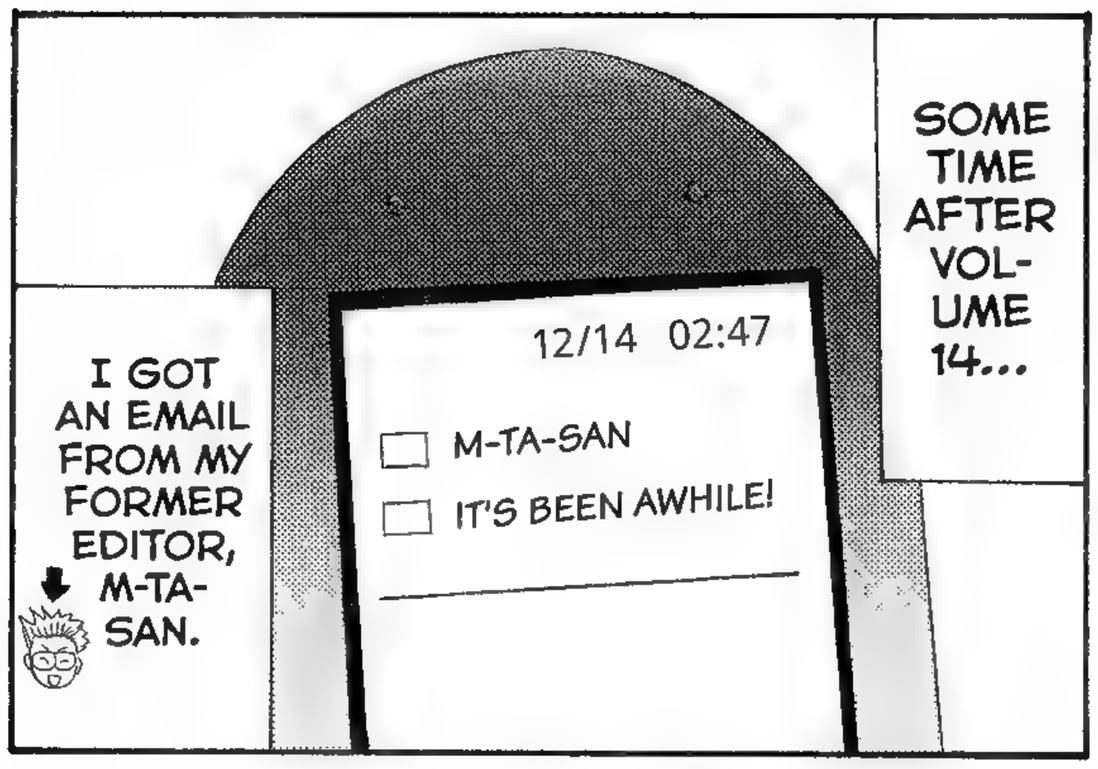
...AGAINST DOING IT NOW...

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 17...

SUZUKA FOUR-PANEL THEATER

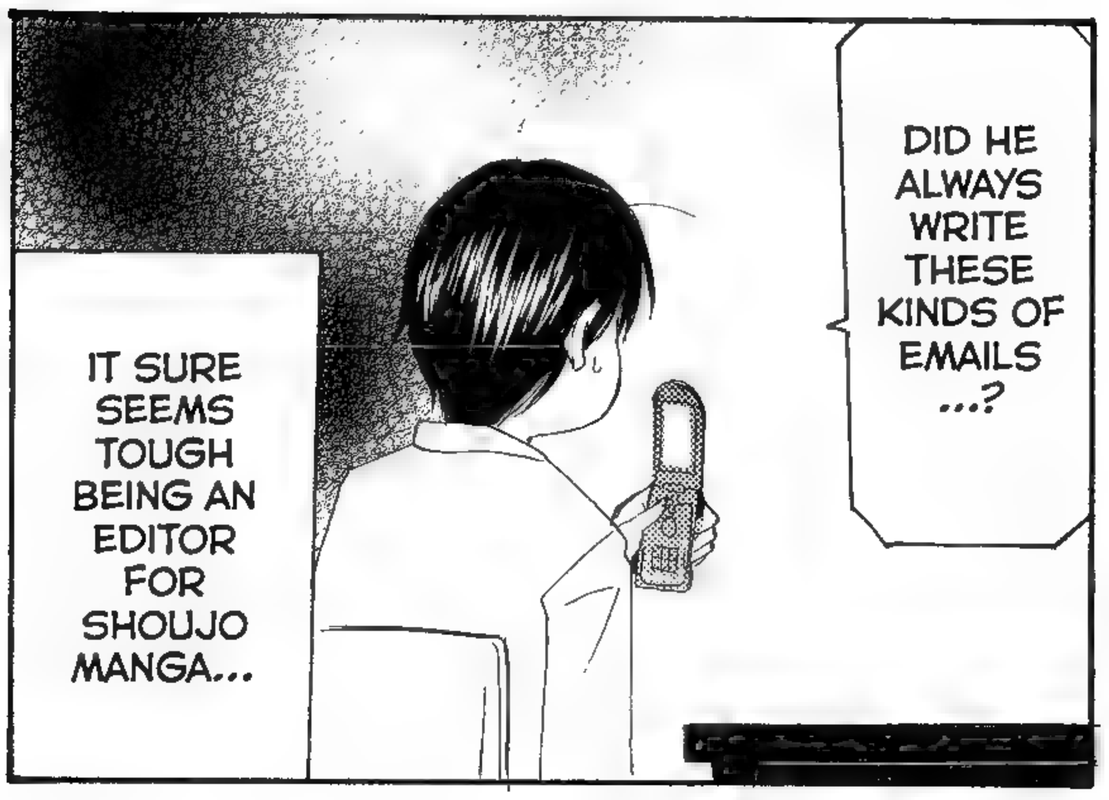
NO.35:

M-TA-SAN IS OF COURSE A GOOD PERSON.



BY THE WAY, WHY WASN'T I MENTIONED IN THE EXTRA PAGES OF VOLUME 14?

IT'S UNFAIR HOW YOU MADE S-KI-SAN LOOK SO CAPABLE!
I HOPE YOU'LL MENTION ME NEXT TIME, SOMETHING LIKE... "NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, M-TA-SAN WAS A REALLY GOOD GUY!" ♥

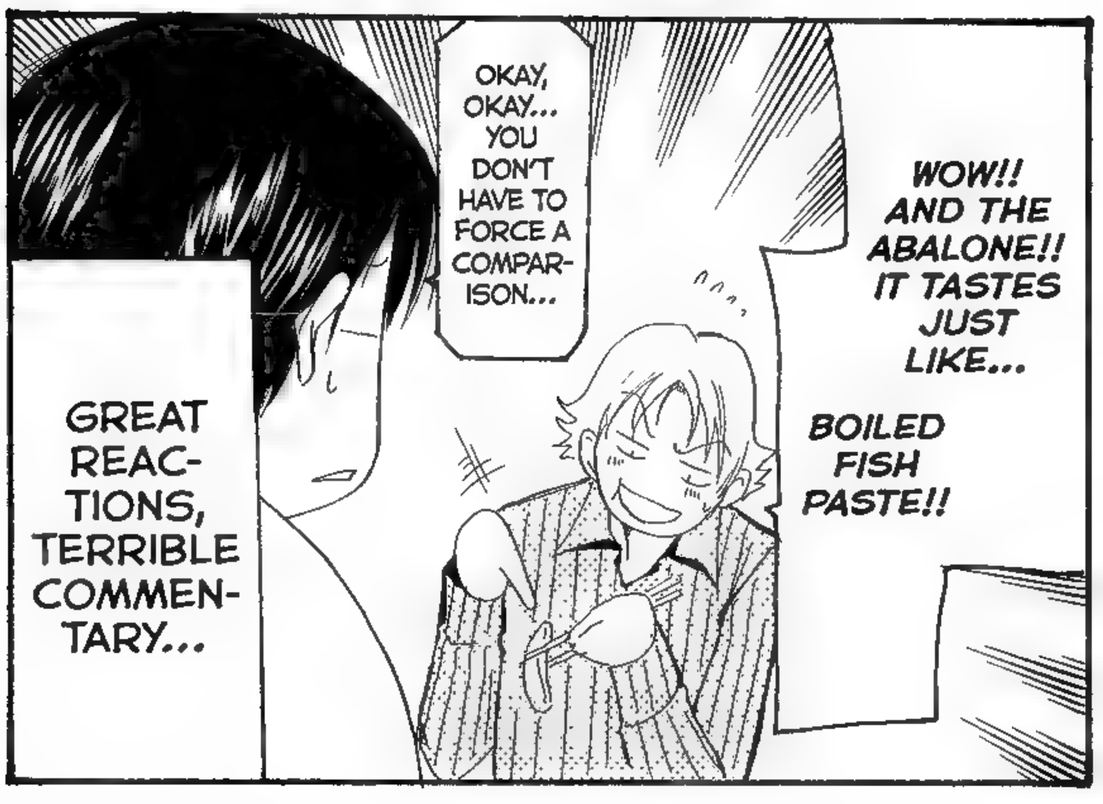


SUZUKA FOUR-PANEL THEATER

NO.36:

BUT THEY'RE HIGH-QUALITY INGREDIENTS...

SERI-OUSLY?! OKAY, I WANNA EAT CHINESE FOOD!!
ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE SLOTS
WHAT DO YOU WANNA EAT? IT'LL BE MY TREAT!
IT WAS YASUNOBU-KUN'S BIRTHDAY, SO...


OKAY, OKAY... YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE A COMPAR-ISON...
WOW!! AND THE ABALONE!! IT TASTES JUST LIKE...
BOILED FISH PASTE!!
GREAT REAC-TIONS, TERRIBLE COMMEN-TARY...

SUZUKA FOUR-PANEL THEATER

NO.37: B-CLASS GOURMET

ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE SLOTS
REALLY? THANKS, MAN.
TODAY, CHINESE FOOD IS ON ME!
IN RE-TURN FOR THE MEAL EARLI-ER ...
HEY! THIS PLACE HAS GOOD RAMEN, TRUST ME!!
RAMEN ICHIRO
UH, RAMEN ...?
OH, YEAH? WHAT DOES IT TASTE LIKE?
THE SOUP IS ESPE-CIALLY DELI-CIOUS, Y'KNOW?!
IT'LL BLOW YOUR MIND!!
SO IT'S BLAND ...
YUP, HIS COM-MENTARY SUCKS ...
IT'S MILD... AND UH... REFRESH-ING, AND... REALLY LIGHT-TASTING ...

SUZUKA FOUR-PANEL THEATER

NO.38:
A BEAUTY FROM ALL ANGLES

DURING A MEETING
OH, NOT AT ALL! IT WAS MY PLEA-SURE!
SEO-SAN, THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING ME IN THE EXTRA PAGES OF VOLUME 14!
REALLY? THANK YOU!
MY FAMILY BOUGHT THREE COPIES WHEN I TOLD THEM I WAS IN IT!
WHAT?! FINE, I'LL PUT YOU IN VOLUME 16!
BUT WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT I'M NOT IN VOLUME 15, THEY SAID THEY WEREN'T GONNA BUY IT...
IT MUST BE TOUGH, HAVING TO CON-SIDER SO MANY PEO-PLE...
OHH, I ALMOST FORGOT. I GOTTA WRITE ABOUT M-TA-SAN, TOO!!
HE EVEN EMAILED ME

MIHO'S ESP

CHAPTER 3: IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY...

KOJI♡SEO

ASAHIYU BATHS

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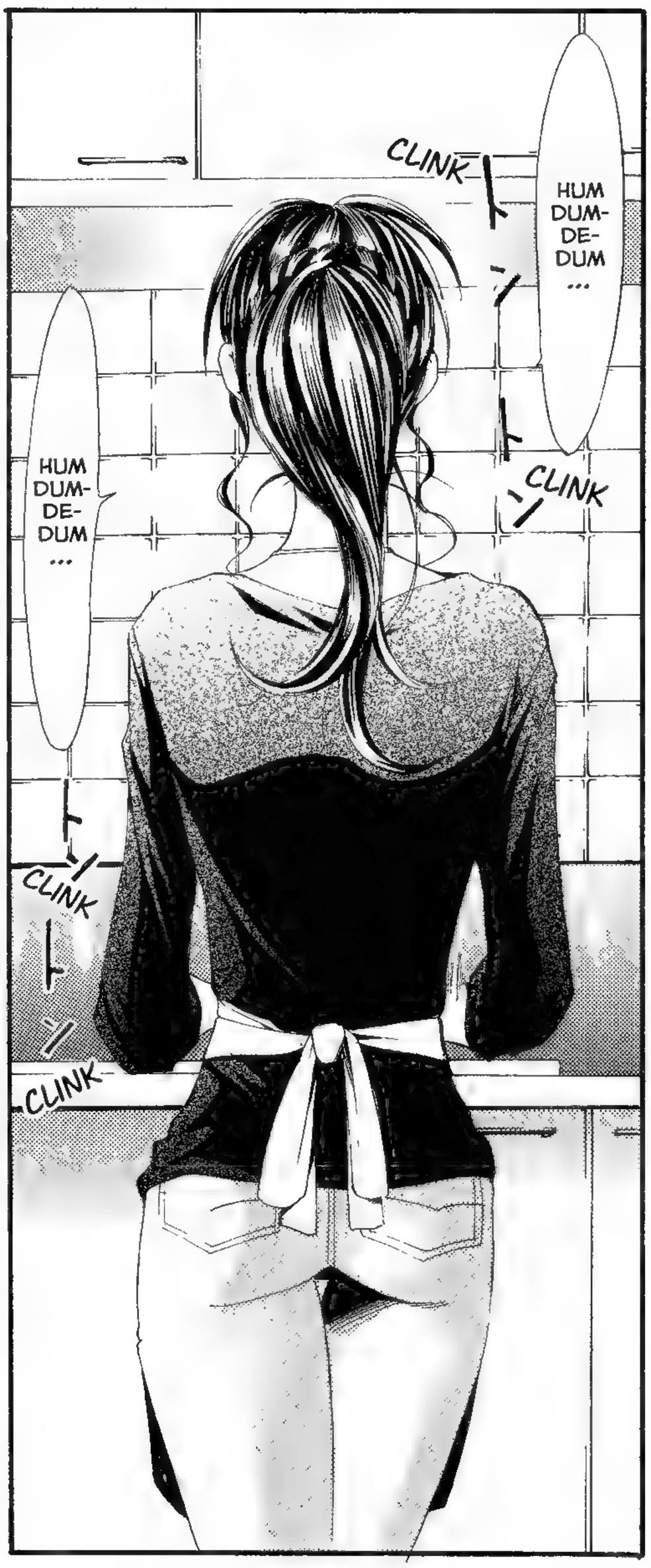
HEY, MOM, WHAT SONG IS THAT?
HUH...? OH, THE ONE I'M SING-ING?


CLINK
HUM DUM-DE-DUM ...
HUM DUM-DE-DUM ...
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK

CLINK

CLINK

YOUR FATHER USED TO HUM THIS SONG OFTEN, SO I STARTED HUMMING IT, TOO.

IT'S CALLED, "I WANNA GO FAR AWAY."

I SEE ...

HMM...

CLINK

CLINK

MOM ...?

...

MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE WENT FAR AWAY...

HE WAS A GOOD-FOR-NOTH-ING.

TODAY'S GREEN ONIONS SURE ARE FRESH...

SNIFF...

OH DEAR ...

UH...

OH... MY... THANK YOU...

GLANCE

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET, SO I'M ONLY LETTING YOU KNOW, MOM!

OH...! I HAVE ESP, SO I CAN HEAR DAD'S VOICE!!

PRETTY AWESOME, HUH!!

LET'S SEE...

SO ... WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER SAY?

WHAT ...?

HE SAID HE LOVES YOU, ME, AND GORO-CHAN...

SO HE'LL ALWAYS BE NEARBY, WATCHING US!!

ISN'T THAT GREAT, MOM?!

YEAH... THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME THAT.

...

I FEEL LIKE ...

I HEARD HIM, TOO ...

MIHO ...

OH... I THINK HE ALSO SAID THAT YOU SHOULD RAISE MY ALLOW-ANCE!

THAT, I DIDN'T HEAR!

WHAAAT?!

ANYWAY, CALL YAMATO-KUN AND THE OTHERS TO DINNER, WILL YOU?

☆ THE END ☆

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